

FALL COLOR REPORT 9/27/2010 for E-Mail

Welcome to Iowa's fall color report from the State Forest Nursery. This recording was made Monday, September 27, 2010.

Bob Honeywell

In Northeast Iowa: The fall color changes are starting to happen. The maples are turning yellow and orange color. There isn't much red in the landscape yet. When you look at the Mississippi River bluffs, yellow, gold, brown and a little faint orange can be seen in spots, but many trees are still green – especially the oaks. The week of Oct. 10th is the estimated peak time.

John Byrd

In Southeast Iowa: There hasn't been any change from last week. They really aren't seeing much color change here yet. Most of the cornfields and bean fields are golden grown. A few Walnut and Locust trees are defoliated. Estimated peak week is October 17th or October 25th.

Joe Herring

In North Central Iowa: This area received some wind and rain last week which brought down some leaves. Corn and beans are golden brown and are still being harvested. Some maples are starting to turn yellow and orange – mostly in the towns. Dry weather is forecasted for this week, so hopefully there will be a more dramatic change by next Monday. The peak week will probably be October 10th or 17th.

George Warford

In Central Iowa: Some bottomland species like Walnuts, Hackberries, and Silver Maple are starting to turn yellow. Some Walnut trees have lost their leaves. In the towns, some of the Sugar Maples are turning their orange color. Burning Bush in the towns are just starting to show spots of red. Sumac and Virginia Creeper are turning red. The Oaks trees really aren't changing yet. Estimated peak is the week of October 10th or 17th.

Jessica Flatt

In South Central Iowa: Many of the bottomland species are changing. Silver Maple leaves are turning yellow and starting to fall, many of the Walnut and Cottonwood trees are losing their leaves quickly and are almost bare. The Ash trees are also turning yellow. Sumac and Poison Ivy are starting to turn red. Some Maple trees are turning in the towns and most of the oaks are just showing the first signs of change. The forester thinks that the peak may be 2 or 3 weeks off which would be the week of October 10th or October 17th.

Joe Schwartz

In Northwest Iowa: There still is not a lot of color showing. Mostly yellows and browns in the bottomland species like Ash, Hackberry and Silver Maple. Cottonwoods, Walnuts and Basswoods are spotty and some are bare. Drier weather and cool nights are expected, so changes hopefully will happen this week. Estimated peak could be as early as the week of October 10th if they don't get too much rain.

Brent Olson

In Southwest Iowa: With all the rain, there wasn't much color change last week. Some Ash trees are partially yellow. The Loess Hills show spots of brown, gold and yellow colors but many trees are green. The golden color of beans and corn is still present as farmers are still trying to get the crops out. Estimated peak week of Oct. 10th or the 17th.

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